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WISECRACKS

ARE DYING OUT

Bright Prospects for the Birth of a New Humor Are in Sight

In its pages of early this year the *New Student* pointed to the indications of a coming new intelligence, initiative, and independence on the part of college newspapers. This new journalism is now a solid fact. Ideas once the sole property of small Liberal Clubs and still smaller Literary Societies have made their way into the college newspapers. Editorials once devoted to the raising of college spirit, moral support of the football team, and the like imbecilities now discuss, more or less gracefully, compulsory chapel, the R. O. T. C., voluntary lectures, educational reform, or what have you.

The various aspects of this awakening of the college press have been adequately reviewed in our pages. It has aroused no little interest throughout the land—and some alarm. But for better or worse it has come to stay.

What then is the next step? Where will the long fought for student independence break forth anew? There is every indication that it will be in the pages of the now almost universally despised and often completely juvenile "college comics."

No Good

These same comics are now in sorry state. Consisting almost entirely of stale jokes, weak puns, and "He and She" conversations, they are with a few exceptions slavish imitators of *Life*, *Judge*, and *Captain Billy's Whizbang*, although entirely lacking in that technical skill which makes these latter publications worth the trouble of turning the pages. College comics run jokes on Mother in-Laws, Income Taxes, Cannibal Islands, and other matters of which they can know nothing. It does not take an intelligence much above that of the average collegian to figure out that, while a college student's opinion on the Mother-in-Law question is not worth the paper it is printed and drawn upon, a college student's satiric, ironic, or merely humorous view of the faculty, the student council and education in general is as well worth expressing with drawing board and pencil in the comic as with editorial comment in the newspaper. It can be done with just as good effect. Perhaps better. The pencil with a single line can show that which takes the typewriter many weary hours.

Some Hope

This fact the few independent and original blithe spirits now making their influence felt in college journalism are beginning to understand and to act upon, they and their followers. They have something to say, something they have exact knowledge of, and in some measure they see the possibilities of humor, of pictures, cartoons. As they got themselves on college papers and wrote editorials, so they will get the editorships of the comics and draw pictures. The thing has actually begun. *The Harvard Lampoon*, the *Columbia Jester*, the *California Pelican* have gained appreciably from the turning of their laughter to college and educational matters. *The Boston University Beanpot* last year ridiculed the compulsory R. O. T. C. and has been famous (infamous in some circles) ever since. And where is compulsory R. O. T. C. at Boston University now? It is gone. Did the R. O. T. C. number of the *Beanpot* drive it out? Oh, no, no, no, it was something entirely different. But was it?

Yale Referendum Shows Drinking

Student Newspaper is Proved Right On Prohibition Question

At Yale there is no end to referendums. The latest is on the prohibition question. It has come about in this way: Irving Fisher, a Yale professor appeared before the U. S. Senate and told that body that Yale was dry, that drinking was on the decline at the college, and that the *Yale News* was all wrong in its opinions. (The *News* has been opposing prohibition).

"Is zat so?" replied the *News* in effect, and called a referendum on prohibition. The ballots being sent out by the *News* contain the clause, "Do you think prohibition has decreased the amount of drinking in the University?"

Resourceful

"Because Yale men have shown themselves to be sane and resourceful enough to avoid disciplinary entanglements," says the *News*, "is no sign that they are not drinking. All that Professor Fisher's testimony has proved is that Yale men behave like gentlemen. If Yale is to be taken as a favorable example of the operation of the Volstead Act, we are justified in concluding that the law is a failure."

The results of the referendum will be announced later.

Later

The faculty and students at Yale voted four to one that prohibition had increased rather than decreased the amount of drinking at the University.

Says the *News*, "these figures are the sound evidence which more than twenty five hundred voters gave is one day's balloting. The too obvious conclusion is that the law is not only unpopular—it is openly violated on a large scale. The referendum has changed idle talk into concrete facts."

SIXTY

THOUSAND STUDENTS

Will Travel to Europe This Summer. Liners Are Ready

One out of every ten American College students will go to Europe this summer. Forecasts made by the Paris offices of the United States, White Star, Cunard, French, United American and North German Lloyd Steamship Lines fix the number of student travelers at over 60,000. The total college student population of the United States is aproximately 600,000.

Every steamship plying between these United States and those disunited ones of Europe plans to convert its third class section from something low and of the steerage to something high class, collegiate. The hardy college travelers will travel steerage, —but what a steerage!

The United States Line has provided in the *S. S. Republic* a special third class dance floor complete with special third class jazz orchestra straight from Princeton. For its various boats, and especially for their third class sections, the U. S. Line has hired six college orchestras, two from Princeton and one each from Harvard, Yale, New York University, and the University of Pennsylvania.

The National Student Federation tours conducted by the *Open Road, Incorporated* will account for about five hundred students. On the American Student Delegation to Soviet Russia will be another twenty-five students. Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. tours to various countries will take in several hundred more. The rest will go on every kind of expedition imaginable. Almost every college has a tour all its own. Led and chaperoned by some favorite professor these trips will be officially educational and in some cases will even count as an additional credit towards a degree. Travel has become collegiate.

Investigation

Students Study Mills

Students from Columbia University, Union Theological Seminary, Barnard College, Washington Square College, and the College of the City of New York visited the strike area at the Passaic Mills, New Jersey, this week in an effort to acquaint themselves with actual conditions in the industry. They were led by Hillman Bishop of the Columbia Social Problems Club.

It is probable that a student mass meeting will soon be held on this subject to be addressed by Norman Thomas, (jailed last week at Passaic on a free speech test) Rabbi Wise, and the students who made the trip. Two editors of the *New Student* have also been to the strike area (see *New Student*, April 21)

Those who wish to help the strikers may do so by sending contributions to The Emergency Committee for Strikers Relief, Room 635, 799 Broadway, New York.

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"THE NEW STUDENT Invites the Student to Participate in His Own Education."

—James Harvey Robinson

COMMENT

WE ARE glad to print, on page 3, the denial of President W. W. Campbell of the University of California that his administration interfered in any way with the proposed debate of California women on the question, "Resolved, that the present mode of youth is indicative of a lower moral standard." We are glad, though we are proved to have erred in the news.

We cannot but feel, however, that President Campbell helped to bring the misunderstanding down upon himself, and did it in a manner common to enough university presidents to make it worth commenting on in the hope of better future understanding.

Here we have a situation in which the students have become so impressed with an administration attitude of putting up the sign Verboten, of forbidding their exercise of freedom, that apparently a debate manager wrote in a specific instance that there *was* administrative interference when she really meant that she fully *expected* it. What does this say about the administration? Is it not a bit thought-provoking that students should expect oppression before it was even exercised?

President Campbell, like other university presidents, undoubtedly has no desire to oppress students. He is merely a bit afraid of their youth. And he is what some people call easily shocked. And then, obliged to administer a colossal university, he is so far from being able to maintain personal contact with his students that something which was common Coast gossip among sizable student groups comes to his attention two months late through a periodical published in New York. The combination of these innocent factors has led to something in the nature of explosions.

What is to be done? First of all we must realize that to maintain undergraduate institutions the size of California and of Columbia is in itself a stupendous idiocy. Gigantism is a disease that eats out all human qualities; prevents human contact.

BUT secondly we have a still more radical proposal, to university presidents. They should actually realize that students know some things they do not know.

For example, again and again and again in recent years we have seen presidents and high university authorities shocked by things only because they were modern and unfamiliar. Presidents should admit that being busy with endowment drives, perhaps they don't get to read every new novel, play, or book on economics. Ideas that have sifted painlessly into the younger generation still turn the presidents upside down, for no other reason than that they are strange. You see, the youngster hears the newer theories without such a background of the Victorian age to modify them in his mind. That's why they affect him differently, make him sound radical.

Well, then, presidents, who are busy with financial and administrative cares, who make their sacrifice to this work in not being able to follow everything in the world of speculation, should go easy in the face of young ideas.

President Campbell went rather hard at them this year. The year's record is of one friction with the rather more intelligent of student groups. And the prime mistake an administration can make the President of California made. In a well-meant effort to accede to his students, he turned over matters of "discipline" over these intelligent student groups, not to intelligent and qualified faculty, but to the student government. He ought to know that on matters of culture the student government knows less than student writers, musicians and economic theorists; and that being brought to judgment before inferiors in these matters enrages them.

PUZZLE

(*From the Amherst Student*)

THE LONGER ONE thinks about it, the more one is impressed by the unfortunate position of the undergraduate. And the more one realizes that this gentleman is the plaything, the tool, the decoy in the hands of those in power. He may not want to go to chapel, but he must for the good of his soul. He has probably never seen his soul. He cannot conceive what it looks like. Often he isn't quite sure that he has one. And yet he must hand over this mysterious substance which is his own private property, as much as anything will ever be his private property, to be massaged and coaxed by a soul-expert. He may want to climb a tree for no reason at all. Or he may want to climb a tree in order to get nearer to heaven. . . . But his friends forbid him on the grounds that it isn't being done these days—which is probably very true.

YOU WILL SAY that he does not come to college to climb trees. It is a sad truth. But glance for a moment at his ostensible purpose. He is compelled, for example, to learn something about Napoleon. He is told that the Corsican won the battle of Jena, retreated from Moscow and was imprisoned at St. Helena. He learns very little about Napoleon's family life, whether he was a good husband or a bad father. He knows nothing about Napoleon's habits. All of which is both unfortunate and unfair. For it is a pretty safe bet that the average student will not have the opportunity of either conquering Jena or retreating from Moscow.

BUT IF THIS were the only difficulty, our brother might still hope. He is laboring under a much severer handicap—the handicap of trickery. He often chooses a course because of its pleasant possibilities. He rarely realizes them. He is led to expect one thing because of its title and it turns out to be something entirely different. Everything is disguised.

IT HAS BEEN said before, yet it bears repeating that the civilized world is fast becoming a secret society, and the student finds himself a part of it.

He goes to college to learn of the manners of rabbits and is told that rabbits are found in a hat. Is it any wonder that on returning full of the wonder of that demonstration he comes to the conclusion that the authorities have been talking through that same hat?

WIND-MILL

The action of the Syracuse University authorities in expelling two seniors for getting married during the holidays merits the unstinted praise of every penal institution in the country. Getting married during a college course is getting altogether too common, and in many institutions is now considered high treason. A student owes his allegiance to his university, and no division of affection, with the possible exception of the regular Saturday night petting party, should be tolerated.

The presence of married folk in any university is a serious menace. Colleges are meant for the serious-minded. The newly-married couple is inclined to be merry at times, thereby destroying the very fundamentals of mass education.

The extent to which this evil has spread is astounding. Co-eds have been rushed into marriage and out of college recently in droves, generally by townies or by individuals who have already secured the coveted sheepskin in safety. In one year at Temple University, Conwell Hall lost three efficient telephone operators by this method.

The prompt action of Syracuse University should be vigorously endorsed by all interested in this problem in education, with the possible exception of the students who, of course, do not count in such institutions.

Temple Unviersity Weekly

Song of the Popular Professor

"I'm the popular professor of the Universitee,
And I'm known among the students for my personalitee.
When my lectures are concluded loud applause is always heard.
I infer such popularity must surely be deserved.
Of the classes on the campus, none's a fifth as large as mine
—Which proves that all the virtues of five teachers I combine
"If a popular professor you have any wish to be
(The method is quite simple), take these formulae from me:
Dismiss five minutes early and arrive five minutes late;
Have your hair made sleek and curly, and wear clothes right up-to-date
Tell the class about your tennis games and pastimes energetic,
Or any other applesauce to make you seem athletic;
Be ready to emit a joke at slightest provocation,
But never to the subject let it have the least relation.
"All these precepts closely follow, and I'll guarantee you'll be
The most popular professor of the universitee."

Northwestern University Scrawl

LETTER BOX

Sirs: My attention has been called to an item entitled "DEBATE—*Verboten*" in your issue of February 17, 1926. This article charges me with refusing permission to students in the University of California to engage in debate with representatives of Reed College and of the University of Washington on the subject, "Resolved, that the present mode of youth is indicative of a lower moral standard." Let me assure you that I never heard of this incident, in any manner or to any extent, until I read about it in your publication. Thorough inquiry reveals that neither the President, nor any member of our administrative staff, nor any professor in the University had anything whatsoever to do with deciding whether that question, or any question resembling it, should be debated by students of this University.

I hold in my hand a letter written by Miss McCandless, Women's Debating Manager in this University, dated March 24, 1926, in which she says that "the article in the NEW STUDENT is misleading, in that my words, as instructed by the (student) Forensics Council, referred to the 'attitude of the administration' and not to any specific action in this instance."

The only act on the general subject for which I or any of my administrative associates can be held responsible was my emphatic "no" to the proposal that two women students in the University of California should publicly debate with women students in Stanford University the question: "Resolved, that the family is unnecessary to the progress of civilization;" the official definition of the term "family" in this case being: "The family is a conditionally permanent social group based on marriage and involving normally the birth and rearing of children and a common abiding place called the domicile." There is no truth in a statement that I or any of my official associates prohibited the debating of any other subject involving morality. Yours, etc.,

—*W. W. Campbell*

WE APOLOGIZE

Miss Eileen McCandless, debate manager for the University of California in this disputed instance, wrote to the debate manager of another school, giving as her reason why the question of youth's moral standard could not to be debated that "the attitude of the administration *again* made itself felt," after stating in an earlier sentence that "our biggest difficulty is administrative interference." (*New Student*, Feb. 17).

This could mean only one possible thing: that the administration had knowingly made itself felt against *that* debate.

Such was the interpretation put on the letter by the student papers of the other schools, notably Reed College and Washington University. Such was the interpretation put on it by the debate teams of the other schools, who forthwith abandoned the question and chose anew. What other interpretation could there be?

We are sorry that *The New Student*, reading so explicit a statement in Miss McCandless' letter, and noting the subsequent action of the parties concerned, followed all others in the unquestioning belief that President Campbell had heard of the proposed debate and did not desire it. Journalistic thoroughness would have caused an inquiry to be adressed to President Campbell to make certain. We apologize to President Campbell for the error.

(*Editorial comment on this case will be found on page* 2).

The Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst, Mass. (not to be confused with Amherst College) has taken a student vote on the subject of compulsory chapel. The students by a large majority voted in favor of compulsory chapel. The system will not be changed.

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Tear bombs and clubs were used by the police to break up a rush of several hundred Lafayette College (Easton, Pa.) students on a local theatre. The rush has been a college custom for years, but this year the police had orders to stop it. The bombs and seventeen arrests were the result.

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The University of Oklahoma authorities have forbidden the possession or use of automobiles by students while at college. The students are distressed. What to do? How to joy-ride; to "date"? One student brought an aeroplane. Alas, that too was banished.

At Baylor University where automobiles are also forbidden, the use of the old fashioned horse and buggy is being revived. Times change.

JOURNALISM

Suckers

As the college year draws to a close there come to each campus an invading throng of self-styled "representatives." Smooth, talkative, persuasive, full of windy promises, it is their aim to enlist students to sell (on commission, of course) some variety of unwanted goods during the summer. Against these gentry the *Ohio State Lantern* sounds a warning.

Says the *Lantern.*

"These recruiting agents are wise. They know the students who will be most apt to swallow their promises at a gulp. They go after the freshmen. The business starts with a mysterious telephone call some warm spring night. A business-like voice tells the flattered but bewildered freshman to meet the speaker at a certain place and time if he wants to be let in on a profitable proposition.

"The freshman keeps the appointment and frequently signs up to sell encyclopedias, Bibles, maps or mops during the summer in the desirable territory the company will select for him.

"He has been lured by promises of at least forty dollars a week and the 'at least' is emphasized. Instances of students who made fifty dollars in a day are rattled off by the glib tongue of the representative. Instances of students who have worked weeks without making a sale are conveniently forgotten."

"And so the poor freshman is pressed into service and after a hard, disillusioning summer of ringing doorbells, he returns to college a sadder, wiser student, or more rarely, a 'born salesman' Freshmen beware! Stop, look, think it over!

ATTENTION COLLEGE SENIORS—The last issue of *The New Student* for this academic year will be dated June 2, 1926. This paper will be suspended as usual during the summer months, to be published again in October. All those whose addresses will have changed by next October, particularly students now in their senior years, are urged to send their new addresses immediately to

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CONFERENCES

There will be as usual this summer a large number of conferences primarily for students. These will be announced and briefly described in the next magazine (May) of the *New Student.*

There will also be held conferences primarily for workers. These a few particularly interested students may attend. They will be concerned with problems of industry and worker's organization.

For Example:

Brookwood Labor College will hold a Giant Power Institute, July 19-31st, in Cooperation with the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Union members will be given preference, but a few college students are invited as auditors. Write Brookwood, Inc. Katonah, N. T.

The Young Worker's League (communist) will hold district conferences in Ohio and New England. A few non-league members will be admitted by special permission. Write the Young Worker's League, 1113 W. Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.

The People's Education Camp Society, Inc., under these auspices a number of conferences will be held including that of the League for Industrial Democracy. Write to Seven East Fifteenth Street, N. Y. C.

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Brigham Young, University of Utah, a college of the Mormons or "Latter Day Saints," is to be discontinued at the end of this college year. It was founded in 1877. Brigham Young himself was interested in the success of his namesake college and endowed it with 10,000 acres of fertile land. The reason given for the discontinuance of the university is that the Mormon church wishes to concentrate its energy and finances for the support of its fifty-nine theological seminaries.

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The University of Chicago women are the most free, those of Wisconsin University most restrained in the Big Ten universities, according to a comparative survey of rules, in the *Ohio State Lantern.*

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HARVARD FAILS TO TAKE A JOKE

Yale Man Pokes Film Fun at Rival

Brown of Harvard, that play of college life which in 1907 Yale and Princeton hailed as a true picture of Harvard and which Harvard when the play came to Boston with a graduate of the University in the leading role greeted with a shower of rotten eggs and a famous riot, has come to life again. This time it is in movie form. The picture has been reviewed in Western college papers as a good show, but when flashed on the screen at the Harvard Union, undergraduate meeting place, it was greeted with yells of indignation. It will soon be shown in Boston.

"Judging by the reception given the film at the Union", says the *Harvard Crimson*, there is a great possibility of an incident similar to that in 1907."

The following review of the picture appears in the *Crimson*:

¶ The announcement that *Brown of Harvard* was to be revived as a moving picture caused little short of a panic in so-called University circles when it was first blazoned forth some two or three months ago.

"It'll be too awful," allowed one undergraduate as he dodged away from the camera man filming the crowds in front of the Coop. "They certainly are out to do a job on the poor old University. Imagine a crowd of Hollywood supers going to classes in caps and thirty-two inch trousers!"

"And think," speculated his comrade dismally, "of having some movie queen burst into the boat house to embrace the crew captain after the race. That's in the play, you know."

"Or Nita Naldi as the pretty Radcliffe girl embracing Ramon Navaro on the steps of Sever, with Copey and Professor Kittredge pasted into the background for local color!"

"Well, when this movie comes out, I'm going to be a student at M. I. T. Remember that!"

. . .

Now the movie has come out. On Monday it will be released at Loew's State Theatre. And in the meanwhile transferences to M. I. T. are very much in order.

In the interest of statistics, it might be well to remark that "Brown of Harvard" was written by Rida Johnson Young (Radcliffe. It was adapted for the screen by Donald Ogden Stewart (Yale). It is acted by William Haines, Jack Pickford, and Mary Brian, with the assistance of several bleachersful of supers (University of Southern California). The books of reference seem to have been Dean Briggs' *Routine and Ideals*, *The Parental Regulations*, and the works of Ralph Henry Barbour.

The result has been a mildly astonishing impression of Harvard, not by one, but by many who have never been there.

It is a question whether, according to the ethics of criticism, *Brown of Harvard* should be reviewed as a movie, or as a picture of Harvard life. As a movie it is probably fairly good. But of it as a picture of Harvard life, the most generous thing which can be said is that Mr. Donald Ogden Stewart of New Haven has perpetrated another masterpiece of parody even more laughable than his *Parody Outline of History*, or his *Perfect Behavior*.

Possibly, to one unfamiliar with the Cambridgian scene, *Brown of Harvard* will appear as a plausible and continuous whole. But to a frequenter of Harvard Square, the innumerable little slips, from the moment when the entire Freshman class arrives in Cambridge on the same subway train, playing ukeleles and munching apples for dear life, to the grand concluding scene when the members of the Dickey Club, which, we are informed, 'takes in all the best people,' come marching along some fifty score strong in a torchlight procession after a football game to take Brown of Harvard into their ranks immediately because of his creditable showing in the afternoon's game,—the whole thing is, to say the least, grotesque. It is overemphasis upon collegiate foolishness.

Not that the Messrs. Merto, Goldwyn, and Mayer haven't done their best to reproduce the collegiate atmosphere. Ukeleles were purchased by the dozen, and criss cross sport sweaters by the gross. Hats were apparently laid out in rows and gone over with a steam roller to give them the battered appearance so dear to popular fancy. All the 'stop' and 'go' and 'keep off the grass' signs in the city of Hollywood were requisitioned to serve as mural decorations in the students' rooms. But something is lacking. In spite of all this; in spite of the interlarding of occasional snaps of Widener Library and Memorial Hall to temper the views taken among the Californian cactus hedges and cheery orchards and in spite of some excellent films of the recent Harvard-Yale crew race and football game,—the total effect, is, to say the least, unreal.

In fact there is only one touch of reality in the whole picture. That comes on the eve of the Harvard-Yale football game when the team is about to leave for the Belmont Country Club. With its usual poetic license, The *Crimson* has announced that Brown is among those who have been dropped in an eleventh hour cut. So when an irate coach calls up his room, and hears from his roommate that he 'read he was cut in the *Crimson*, and went in town' there follws the explosive retort, 'Who (in Hell) is running this team, me or the *Crimson?*'"

All of which is very true to life.

But this is superficial criticism, and very unfair. It may very well be that the other Metro masterpieces, *Ben Hur* and *The Big Parade*, are as false to actuality as is *Brown of Harvard*, but that never having been in Rome or the Argonne forest, we didn't appreciate the fact as fully as we do now.

At any rate, no Harvard man should miss seeing this latest picture. It will present Harvard to him in a new aspect. It will give him a new conception of college life (press agents please copy) provided, of course, he doesn't lose his sense of humor.

Thanks to the splendid efforts of the publicity man of the Harvard Dramatic Club, the world has been generally informed of the reception accorded to *Brown of Harvard* upon its stage appearance some one score years ago: how on its first appearance as a melodrama, it proved so unbelievably terrible that the actors were harried off the stage by a barrage of green groceries, dairy produce, and assorted hardware; and how, on its subsequent revival as a musical comedy, the perils of flying alarm clocks became so great that the chorus girls retreated to the wings in panic.

Now, in its movie version, *Brown of Harvard* presents little form of redress for the maligned Harvard undergraduate. The performers are remaining at a discreet distance, presumably attending night school in Hollywood. And even undergraduates will appreciate the futility of hurling turnips and overshoes at the pictured actors on an inanimate screen.

But just the same, there are moments when it seems as if a nice, fresh Western egg would help tremendously in relieving the feelings.

Freedom of Press for C.C.N.Y. Students

New Paper Has Outside Control

By request of students at City College of New York *The New Student* is publishing an undergraduate magazine of opinion called *The City College Student*. The action was taken after the dismissal from editorship of *The Campus*, C. C. N. Y. undergraduate paper, of Harry Heller, successor to Felix Cohen. Heller's dismissal was brought about by The Campus Association, a group of alumni who are ex-editors and business managers and publish *The Campus*. Heller was charged with "temperamental incompatibility and poor taste." He had opposed the college administration policy in several cases. The specific offense named by the Campus Association was the publication of an editorial "Oracular Mysticism." This editorial mentioned the response of professors to a suggestion by *The Campus* that the students be represented at faculty meetings. One professor had called the plan inadvisable because professors then could no longer preserve their air of dignity and oracular mysticism.

Censorship of *The Campus* dates back from last fall.

Following the R. O. T. C. referendum (*New Student*, Dec. 2) *The Campus* was requested to make no mention of the subject. *The Campus* then appeared with two blank columns as a protest. The students charge that at the close of last semester Dean Robinson had suggested to older members of The Campus Association that when college authorities had taken official action the *Campus* editor should be revised either to confirm the stand or make no comment upon it.

Heller's dismissal was followed by the resignation of many of the staff members. Action was then taken to form *The City College Student*. A declaration in the first issue insists that the paper is "not organized to pursue any policy of attack upon the authorities, but merely to present that portion of undergraduate opinion which events at the college have indicated will meet with faculty disapproval and disciplinary action if published in any authorized college publication."

The editors of *The New Student* state:

"*The New Student* as publisher of the *City College Student* does not find itself in agreement with all views herein expressed.

"It has simply provided the means for their expression.

"Sincere, thoughtful and useful discussion by students of educational problems affecting them has been thwarted in the officially recognized City College publications. We can see no objection to its expression here."